

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device, comprising:  
a buried layer substantially of germanium doped located over a doped substrate, said  
buried layer doped co-doped throughout with germanium and a another p-type dopant;  
a doped epitaxial layer located over said buried layer.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The semiconductor device as recited in Claim 21 wherein  
said another p-type dopant is boron.

24. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device as recited in Claim 21 wherein  
a dopant concentration of said buried layer ranges from about 1E15 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about 1E20  
atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>, a dopant concentration of the doped substrate ranges from about 1E14 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to  
about 1E15 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>, and a dopant concentration of the doped epitaxial layer ranges from about  
1E14 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about 1E15 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

25. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device as recited in Claim 21 wherein  
said buried layer has a germanium concentration ranging from about 2E20 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about

7E20 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

26. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device as recited in Claim 21 wherein said buried layer has a thickness ranging from about 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

27. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device as recited in Claim 21 wherein said doped substrate, said buried layer, and said epitaxial layer collectively have a thickness ranging from about 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claims 28-36 (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit, comprising:  
a buried layer substantially of germanium located over a doped substrate, said buried layer ~~doped throughout~~ co-doped with germanium and a another p-type dopant;  
a doped epitaxial layer located over said buried layer;  
transistors located over said doped epitaxial layer; and  
interconnects located within interlevel dielectric layers located over said transistors,  
which connect said transistors to form an operational integrated circuit.

38. (Currently Amended) The integrated circuit as recited in Claim 37 wherein said another p-type dopant is boron.

39. (Previously Presented) The integrated circuit as recited in Claim 37 wherein said buried layer has a germanium concentration ranging from about 2E20 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about 7E20 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

40. (Original) The integrated circuit as recited in Claim 37 further including additional active and passive devices.